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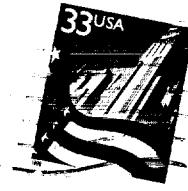
To Michael Friedman, M.D.,  
There is a petition before the  
U.S. Food & Drug Administration  
(F.D.A.) & the USDA that will help  
downers.<sup>223</sup> ~~17A8~~ <sup>199</sup> that are too  
sick or injured to walk. Because  
only animals who reach the  
slaughterhouse alive can be used  
for human consumption, owners  
make more money selling live  
animals, no matter how ill or  
injured, than dead ones. The  
petition asks the F.D.A. & USDA to  
classify meat from downers as  
adulterated; such a classification  
would afford owners no incentive  
for prolonging the suffering of  
downed animals.

Also, with the increasing incidence  
of Mad Cow Disease & other food safety  
risks, the issue of downed animals  
is no longer simply a matter of  
animals' suffering but of consumers'  
health as well. The meat from  
just one diseased cow can contaminate  
up to 16 tons of mass-produced meat.  
Many livestock industry representatives  
support this petition. I urge you  
also to act on this petition, docket #  
98P-0151/CPI, & to classify meat  
(cows) →

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